Recovery of naxal uniforms in Raipur

1322. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Raipur police and Rajnandgaon police recovered large number of naxal uniforms from a shop run by a railway employee;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that naxal elements have percolated deep in the establishment in the State of Chhattisgarh and run their own intelligence network who provide tip off to naxals; and

(d) if so, what mechanism has been developed by Government to clean the administration and strengthen its own intelligence network to find out naxal build up in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) As reported by Chhattisgarh Police, 42 pairs of pants and shirts and 40 metres of cloth meant for naxalites were recovered in Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh from a tailoring shop being run by the wife of a Railway employee at her husband's Railway quarter. The case is under investigation.

(c) and (d) As reported by Chhattisgarh Police, there are no reports of the naxalites infiltrating into the State administration. The State Government has established a dedicated State Special Intelligence Branch to collect Intelligence related to naxalite activities.

The support provided by the Central Government to the State includes deployment of 13 battalions of Central paramilitary forces (inclusive of 1 battalion of State and Armed Police on inter-State deputation) to assist the State Police; sanctioning of 4 India Reserve Battalions to the State; assistance for strengthening of the State Police and Intelligence agencies through the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces; re-imbursement of security-related expenditure; assistance in training of the State Police; and sharing of Intelligence from time to time.

Expenditure on Liberhan Commission

1323. DR. K. MALAISAMY:
SHRI S. ANBALAGAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Liberhan Commission constituted to go into the demolition of Babri Masjid is in existence for 15 years and is paid by Government;

(b) if so, what is the total expenditure of the public exchequer on this commission so far; and

(c) how long it is proposed to be allowed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) An expenditure of Rs. 746.18 lakh has been incurred on the Commission till February, 2008.

(c) Till the Commission submits its report.

Conference of Chief Ministers

†1324. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Conference of Chief Ministers was held on 5th September, 2006 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister;

(b) whether the Chief Minister of Rajasthan had expressed opinion regarding strengthening the security measures keeping in view the internal security of the country;

(c) whether Rajasthan Government had proposed to provide financial assistance for strict monitoring of internal security and to remain in contact with the public to make the rural police more effective;

(d) whether Government is considering to provide financial assistance/grant to control the terrorist and spying activities and strengthen the rural police, desert police; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Rajasthan Government has requested for financial assistance for rural and desert policing.

(d) and (e) The Central Government has been providing financial assistance to the State Governments for modernization and upgradation of the police in the States under the Scheme for Modernisation of States Police Forces. Under the Scheme, assistance is being provided for equipments, weaponry, infrastructure in the form of Police Station and other buildings, mobility, training, etc. A component of desert policing has also been included in the scheme from 2005-06. An amount of Rs. 3 crores, Rs. 12 crores and Rs. 9 crores has been released for this purpose to the Rajasthan Government in 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 respectively. There is no separate component for rural policing, *per se,* under the Scheme. The Rajasthan Government has been advised to cover the requirements for this purpose in their proposals under the relevant admissible items under the Scheme.

Proposals for bifurcation/reorganization of States

1325. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received recommendations from some State Governments for bifurcation/reorganization of States; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi